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Ms. Donna R. Searcy Secretary Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street, N.W. Room 222 Washington, D. C. 20554

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Re:

Comments - Notice of Proposed Rule Making

PR DOCKET No. 92-235

Dear Ms. Searcy:

NJ TRANSIT Rail Operations, Inc. ("NJT") hereby submits an original and nine copies of its comments regarding the captioned Notice of Proposed Rule Making.

NJT transports 160,000 weekday passenger trips on 579 revenue passenger trains. Service is operated over 460 track-miles owned by NJT and 398 track-miles owned by Conrail and/or Amtrak. 158 stations are served in the New York, Newark, and Philadelphia metropolitan areas.

NJT, like other railroads across the country, uses Railroad Radio Service frequencies coordinated by the Association of American Railroads ("AAR"). These frequencies are used for Private Land Mobile Radio ("PLMR") services that are critical to the safety of our passenger operations. With limited exceptions, all of NJT's commuter passenger operations are conducted over trackage shared with Conrail, Amtrak, and short line rail operators. Constant, uninterrupted radio communication provides information on train movements which safeguards the lives of passengers and railroad personnel. The Railroad Radio Service, coordinated by the AAR, protects these critical functions of railroad radios.

NJT has reviewed the comments filed by AAR and Conrail which call attention to the critical safety role of the Railroad Radio Service, and strongly supports the maintenance of Railroad Radio Service with AAR as frequency coordinator.

Sincerely,

Joseph S. Crawford, Jr.

Vice President and General Manager

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